

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority to File)
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service)
Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service)
Area of the Company.)

Case No. ER-2011-0004

RECONCILIATION

COMES NOW the Staff (“Staff”) of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), by and through Staff Counsel Office, and pursuant to the Commission’s November 16, 2011, *Order Setting Procedural Schedule, Establishing Test Year, Establishing Other Procedural Requirements, and Adopting Proposed Customer Notice with Modifications*, states as follows:

1. By the Commission’s November 16, 2011 Order, the Commission ordered Staff to file a reconciliation or the positions of the parties to this case on May 6, 2011.
2. Pursuant to that Order, please find filed herewith the Staff’s May 6, 2011 Reconciliation.
3. This Reconciliation is based on a comparison of Staff’s revenue requirement positions taken as of the filing of its surrebuttal testimony on April 28, 2011, with a quantification of the differing positions taken to date by other parties to this proceeding. However, this reconciliation does not take into account Staff’s positions reflected in its true-up direct filing made on the same day as this Reconciliation, as it is not yet known what positions other parties will take in the context of the true-up proceeding in this case. Staff will file a reconciliation reflecting a comparison of the true-up positions of it and other parties to this proceeding at an appropriate later date.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Reconciliation in compliance with the Commission's November 16, 2011, *Order Setting Procedural Schedule, Establishing Test Year, Establishing Other Procedural Requirements, and Adopting Proposed Customer Notice with Modifications*.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 6th day of May, 2011.

/s/ Sarah Kliethermes_____